

Central Intelligence Agency



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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This note will introduce a new initiative which I hope you will find helpful. The President's Daily Brief brings you significant new information every day.

We also search for the longer term implications of these developments and how they fit together.

I believe it will be helpful to you and the principals of the NSC, as well as a good discipline for us, to crystallize this process of looking ahead in what we might call a Threat Report. It will be a kind of running assessment of the chief problems which may be coming at us from around the world in the weeks and months ahead.

It will come out of the regular work of the National Intelligence Council, made up of the National Intelligence Officers who cover the various geographic areas and functional concerns—such as strategic and conventional forces, science and technology, international economics, terrorism, narcotics, nuclear proliferation, hostile intelligence threats and deception.

The first of these reports is attached. We plan to produce one every few weeks, adapting that schedule to fit emerging developments.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William J. Casey".

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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